IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

TUESDAY, THE 13TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 22ND KARTHIKA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 6849 of 2007()

(C.R.NO.57/2007 OF CHELANNUR EXCISE RANGE)

PETITIONER/ACCUSED:

MANEESAN, S/O. ACHUTHAN,
AGED 37 YEARS, KALATHUMPARAMBATH HOUSE, ELATHUR.

BY ADV. SRI.SUNNY MATHEW

RESPONDENT: COMPLAINANT:

STATE OF KERALA THROUGH THE
EXCISE INSPECTOR, CHELANNUR EXCISE RANGE,
REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KERALA, ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI. JAI GEORGE

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 13/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

KSS

R.BASANT, J

B.A.No.6849 of 2007

Dated this the 13th day of November, 2007

ORDER

Application for regular bail. The petitioner faces allegations under the Kerala Abkari Act. He was allegedly found to be in possession of 2 litres of arrack, 15 litres of wash and implements for distillation on 2.10.07. He surrendered later on 29.10.07 and he continues in custody from that date. The learned Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner is an accused in one more case registered under the Abkari Act.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner prays, the learned Public Prosecutor does not oppose the said prayer on condition that the investigator is given reasonable time to complete the investigation and I am satisfied that the petitioner can now be directed to be released on bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions.

3. In the result, this application is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on bail on the following terms and conditions.

i) The petitioner shall not be released on the strength of this order prior to 23.11.2007. The Investigators shall in the meantime make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

ii) The petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) with two solvent sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate;

iii) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation before the Investigating Officer between 10 a.m and 12 noon on all Mondays and Fridays for a period of 3 months from the date of his release and thereafter as and when directed by the Investigating Officer in writing to do so.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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